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Middle East Partnership Initiative



*Announces the*

**MEPI Student Leaders Program 2016  
(English Programs)**

The Student Leaders program is an intensive six-week exchange program to the United States for approximately 120 undergraduate students from the Middle East and North Africa. Students are divided among up to six U.S. academic institutions where they develop leadership skills and expand their understanding of civil society. The program will run from June 26 to August 05, 2016 in the United States and includes a five-week academic residency at the host institution as well as a one-week study tour designed to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in the academic residency. Different themes will be covered during the program including a comparative analysis of leadership styles, conflict resolution and group dynamics, the role of civil society in the democratic process, and social and political change management.

Travel arrangements to and from the United States will be handled by one of the implementing universities. All students are expected to travel to the United States unaccompanied.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

The program is open to undergraduate students who:

- ✓ Are Algerian citizens living and attending school in Algeria
- ✓ Are aged between 18 and 24 years old as of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016
- ✓ Are currently in first through third year (Classical System), first and second year (LMD System) and first through fourth year (Engineer's degree) of university
- ✓ Are proficient in English
- ✓ Have sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- ✓ Have no prior study or travel experience in the United States
- ✓ Have commitment to civic engagement
- ✓ Are comfortable spending part of Ramadan and Eid 2016 in the United States



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**HOW TO APPLY?**

**Interested applicants by the MEPI Student Leaders Program must send:**

- ✓ The application form available for download from: <http://algiers.usembassy.gov/mepi.html>
- ✓ Updated resume highlighting civic engagement, leadership, extracurricular activities, and academic honors
- ✓ A clear copy of the photo page of passport
- ✓ The last academic transcripts (No translation needed)
- ✓ Two essays, in English, of no more than 500 words each that address both of the following questions:

-- Write about a problem currently affecting your community. If it were within your abilities, how would you work to solve this problem?

-- What are the qualities of an effective leader? Name one leader living today whom you admire and explain why.

**Deadline for submitting the application is January 07th, 2016.**

**Please send the required documents along with the essay to [MEPIAlgiers@state.gov](mailto:MEPIAlgiers@state.gov)  
Application with missing documents will not be considered for the mandatory interview.**